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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL \$9.5 MILLION TO RHODE ISLAND IN LIHEAP FUNDING FOR ENERGY AID

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- The Office of Senator Lincoln Chafee has announced that the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has notified him that Rhode Island will receive \$9,585,548 to help low-income families pay their heating bills. The funds are being sent through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) administered by ACF. These funds come in addition to the \$1.1 million announced by Senator Chafee last week.

Senator Chafee has been a constant advocate for the release of additional LIHEAP funding, recently writing President Bush and Senate Majority Leader Frist requesting \$900 million in emergency funding as part of a comprehensive appropriations package addressing the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. In addition, he joined a bipartisan group of Senators in writing a letter to Senate Committee on the Budget Chairman Judd Gregg and Ranking Member Kent Conrad, requesting \$3 billion to fund the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) as part of the fiscal year 2006 budget. Chafee also requested that the allocation provide for advance funding for fiscal year 2007 to pre-purchase fuel and start planning for the winter heating season in the spring and early summer.

Individuals interested in applying for LIHEAP assistance should contact the Rhode Island State Energy Office at (401) 222-3003. Other inquiries should be directed to:

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